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Civil Rights Health Workshop

The Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) Partnership Team will hold a workshop entitled “Civil Rights Health: A Community-Based Assessment Model” on Friday, September 19, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn - West in Lansing Michigan. The Holiday Inn - West is located at 7501 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917. The objective of this workshop is to promote the use of a meaningful, nonjudgmental, community-based assessment instrument that will allow individual communities to systematically discern the state of civil rights health in their respective communities. Specifically, participants will

- learn to use the assessment model to create realistic goals and a plan to improve civil rights conditions in their communities
- learn a process to assess the civil rights health of their community
- understand the benefits of bringing people of different backgrounds together to discuss civil rights issues
- gain awareness of how civil rights issues affect various aspects of people’s lives
- receive information on how to create a collaborative effort whereby various segments of the community (business, education, government, social services, faith-based) can invest in a self-assessment process

The workshop is directed towards municipal and county administrators, council members, city planners, human relations and civil rights professionals, and advocates interested in improving the social and economic conditions in their community. The assessment model is the direct result of a partnership between MDCR and Western Michigan University, and three pilot communities: Muskegon, Midland and Pontiac. The model has already been used successfully in Kalamazoo.

The registration free for this training is only \$25 per person, and includes all materials and refreshments. For more information or to find out how you can enroll, please contact Kathleen Hauk at 517-335-3165.